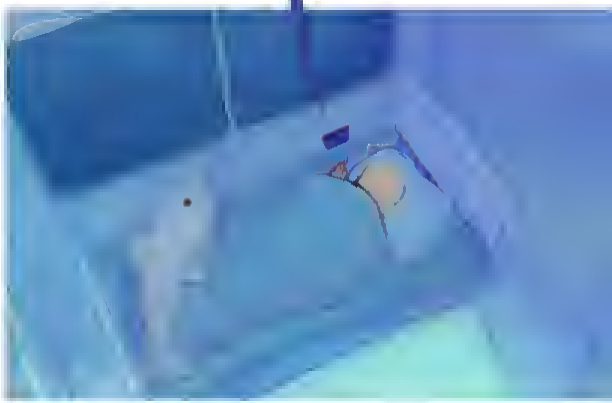
to: Orion Trần (Vạn sự như ý)

hi Sunati, hope you're having a great holiday

I know this is your time off but you need to contact Kiri Mahaki at Westerfeld Corp as soon as you can

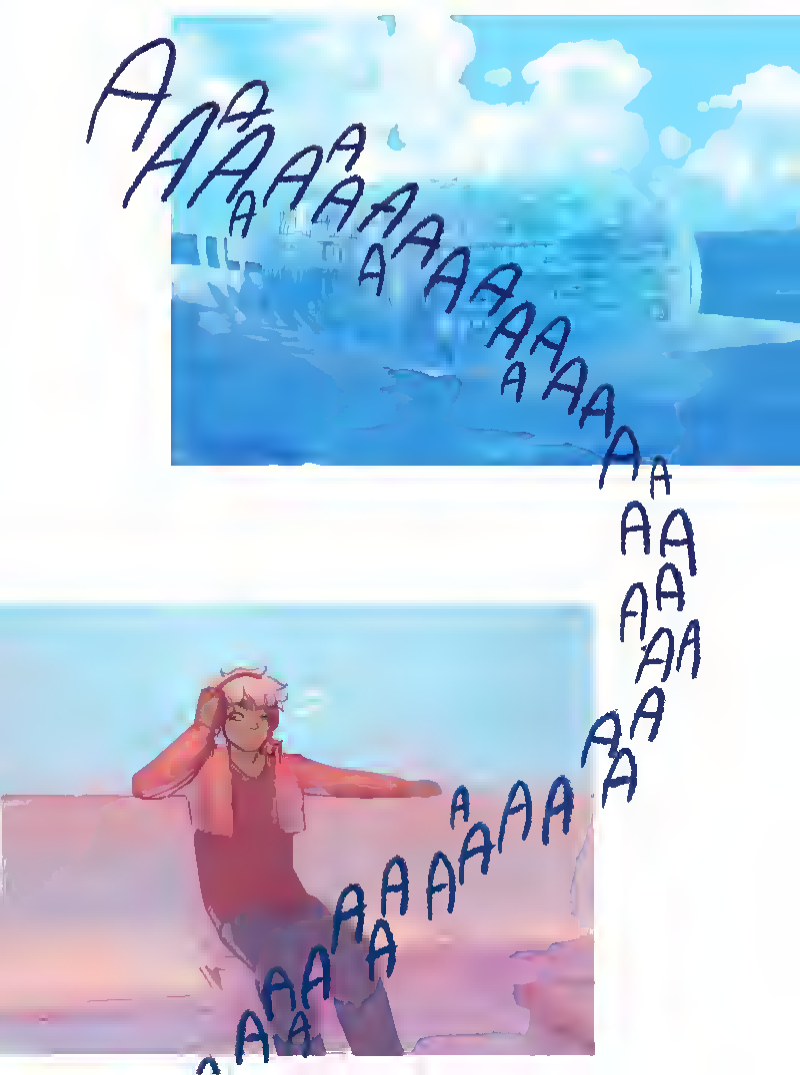
(but during business hours of course)

this is a VERY big deal



ALWAYS HUMAN

63 - death by talking to a stranger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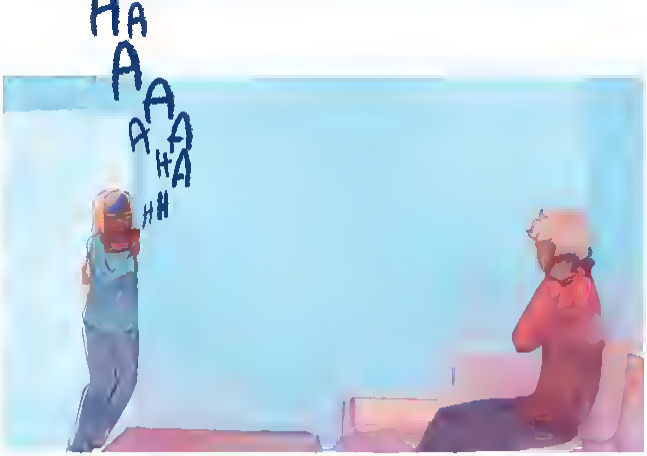
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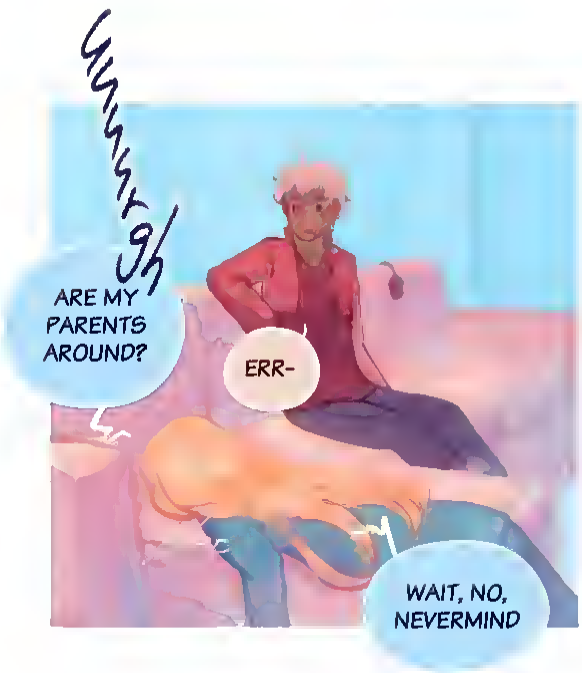
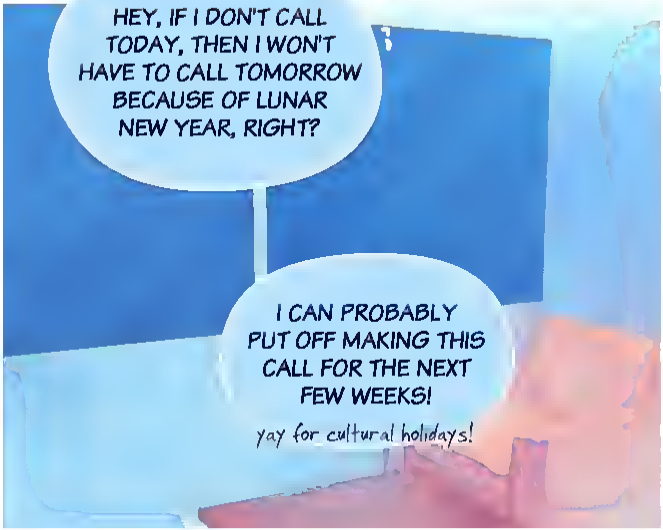
SUNATI, WHAT-
I HAVE TO MAKE A BUSINESS CALL.


UUUUUGH
ARE MY PARENTS AROUND?
ERR-
WAIT, NO, NEVERMIND
they think I'm an actual adult, let's not disillusion them

UH, DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT?
pleasesayno pleasesayno
MY LIFE IS OVEEEER.

I HAVE TO MAKE A BUSINESS CALL
TO A PERSON I'VE NEVER SPOKEN TO BEFORE
flop
ABOUT. . . I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT'S ABOUT, BUT APPARENTLY IT'S A BIG DEAL

it can't be about the Enceladus model, they already picked BCE for that, lucky buggers


HEY, IF I DON'T CALL TODAY, THEN I WON'T HAVE TO CALL TOMORROW BECAUSE OF LUNAR NEW YEAR, RIGHT?
I CAN PROBABLY PUT OFF MAKING THIS CALL FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS!
yay for cultural holidays!

SUNATI, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DIE.

WELL, YOU PROBABLY WILL ONE DAY
UNLESS WE HIT THE LONGEVITY ESCAPE VELOCITY
BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL SURVIVE MAKING A CALL.
PROBABLY.
urgh

VISH, YOU GIVE TERRIBLE PEP TALKS.
HEY, THERE'S A REASON I NEVER HAD KIDS.

OKAY, UM, SUNATI YOU'VE GOT THIS
YOU'RE GOING TO CALL, UH, WHOEVER IT IS
nope
AND IF YOU NEED HELP, I'LL MAKE FAKE ALARM NOISES
AND THEN YOU CAN PRETEND THE OUTPOST IS FLOODING AND HANG UP.
wait what?

I've done it before
I will do it again

OKAY, WHY NOT, LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH
alarm noises are better than nothing
I'M GOING TO CALL RIGHT NOW!
. . . YOU MAY WANT TO GET OUT OF PYJAMAS FIRST.

DETERMINATION!

to: Orion Trần (Vạn sự như ý)
I know this is your time off but you
at Westerfeld Corp as soon
(but during
hours of course)
this is a VERY

ring ring
HELLO?
HI, HELLO GOOD MORNING, UM, MY BOSS TOLD ME TO CALL YOU?

MY NAME IS SUNATI RAVAL, I'M A JUNIOR DESIGNER AT-
OH, SUNATI, FANTASTIC!
ORION SAID YOU WERE VISITING FAMILY,
WE WERE WORRIED WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH TO YOU.

THIS IS SUCH A RELIEF.
MAYBE WE WILL BE ABLE TO SEND SOMEONE OFF WITH THE NEXT SHIP!
. . . I'M GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF, AREN'T I?
WOW, SHE TALKS A LOT.
SORRY LET ME START FROM THE BEGINNING.

SUNATI, WE'D LIKE TO OFFER YOU A JOB.

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT GOING TO SPACE?

Thank you for reading!

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